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Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson

JODI SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON INC. and
ETHICON INC.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-4542-21 MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-011575-14

CIVIL ACTION
In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation
Case No. 291

**CONSENT ORDER FOR PLAINTIFF TO FILE AN
AMENDED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND
EXTENDING TIME TO ANSWER THE AMENDED
COMPLAINT**

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Complaint in this matter in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden County on June 16, 2021, alleging injuries related to a pelvic mesh product called TVT-O, in contravention of the September 13, 2010 and October 31, 2014 Orders of the New Jersey Supreme Court creating a Multi-County Litigation ("MCL") for cases involving pelvic mesh products manufactured by Ethicon, Inc. and/or Johnson & Johnson and requiring all such cases to be filed in the Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County, and

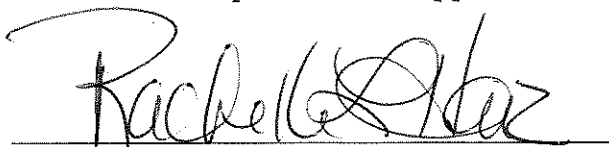
WHEREAS the Complaint in this matter is not a short form complaint, in contravention of Case Management Order No. 3 in the aforementioned MCL entered on June 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS this matter was transferred by the Honorable Deborah Silverman Katz, A.J.S.C. from the Superior Court, Law Division, Camden County to the MCL in the Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County on July 8, 2021;

IT IS ON THIS 14th day of July, 2021, ORDERED that Plaintiff Jodi Smith file within fourteen days of the entry of this Order (by July 26, 2021) an amended complaint in the Short Form conforming to all applicable MCL protocols and under an appropriate Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare MCL caption; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Defendants Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson shall have 30 days from service of the amended complaint to answer, move, or otherwise respond thereto;¹ and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all other protocols applicable in the MCL apply to this matter.



Hon. Rachelle L. Harz, J.S.C.

¹ Plaintiff is reminded that the Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare MCL is not on eCourts and that Plaintiff may contact the Mass Tort Team Leader at 201-221-0700 x25654 with questions. In this one instance, Plaintiff may serve the amended Short Form Complaint after filing by sending a stamped "filed" copy of same via email to kcrawford@riker.com. Nothing in this Order shall otherwise alter or amend the New Jersey Court Rule requirements regarding service timing or methods.

THE UNDERSIGNED CONSENT TO THE FORM AND ENTRY OF THIS ORDER:

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